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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY: NONALIGNED SUMMIT--CONVERSATION
WITH QATARI REP

1. DURING AUG 24 CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS, AMBASSADOR ASKED QATAR MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, WHO HEADED GOQ DELEGATION AT COLOMBO SUMMIT, FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF CONCLAVE. ADBUL AZIZ DESCRIBED CONFERENCE AS SUCCESSFUL AND SINGLED OUT ABOUT ECONOMIC RESOLUTIONS FOR SPECIAL PRAISE.

2. I EXPLAINED TO ABDUL AZIZ PARTICULAR IMPORTANT OF KOREAN AND PUERTO RICAN ISSUES WHICH ARE VITAL TO USG, AND NOTED THAT CONFERENCE PRONOUNCEMENTS ON THESE HAD FOLLOWED LINE OF COMMUNIST STATES, NORTH KOREA AND CUBA. I SAID THAT I HAD HOPED THAT QATAR WOULD HAVE JOINED SOME ARAB AND OTHER MEMBERS OF NAM IN REGISTERING RESERVATIONS TO THESE ONE-SIDED RESOLUTIONS, BUT IT APPEARED AGAIN THAT RADICAL AND COMMUNIST STATES HAD IMPOSED THEIR VIEWS ON MODERATES, MOST OF WHOM COMPOUNDED PROBLEM BY REMAINING SILENT. I COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH I WAS CONFIDENT THAT COQ
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GENERALLY AGREED WITH U.S. ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO, THIS WAS NO RPT NO HELP IF THIS AGREEMENT NOT ARTICULATED.

3. FURTHER RE KOREA, I POINTED OUT THAT DPRK HAD SHOWN ITS

TRUE COLORS BY BRUTALLY MURDERING TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS IN DMZ LAST WEEK. I WAS PARTICULARLY DISTRESSED BECAUSE ON SAME DAY THAT THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE LOCAL TV HAD SHOWN FILM OF ABDUL AZIZ MEETING WITH DPRK DELEGATION IN COLOMBO.

4. ABDUL AZIZ REPLIED THAT HE HOPED I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT HE WAS OUT OF HIS ELEMENT AT COLOMBO, JUST SITTING IN FOR AMIR AND FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO UNABLE TO ATTEND. RE HIS MEETING WITH DPRK REPS, HE STRESSED THIS WAS PRO FORMA SERIES OF CALLS EXCHANGED AMONG HEADS OF DELS, AND HAD NO OTHER SUBSTANCE. HE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT RESPOND TO OTHER POINTS I HAD MADE, SINCE THESE OUT OF HIS OWN BAILIWICK. I SAID THAT I REGRETTED THAT I HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO BRIEF HIM PERSONALLY ON U.S. VIEWS BEFORE HE WENT TO COLOMBO, ALTHOUGH GOQ HAD BEEN APPRAISED SEVERAL TIMES ON U.S. POSITIONS RE KOREA AND PUERTO RICO BEFORE SUMMIT, AND I UNDERSTOOD THAT HE HAD BEEN BRIEFED. IN ANY CASE, SHOULD HE AGAIN HAVE OCCASION TO ATTEND SUCH CONFERENCE, HE WOULD HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF WHAT WE THOUGHT.

5. COMMENT: WE DOUBT WHETHER GOQ WOULD HAVE BEHAVED ANY DIFFERENTLY HAD AMIR OR FOREIGN MINISTER ATTENDED NASC. AS REPEATED REPORTED, QATARIS UNLIKELY TO RAISE THEIR HEADS OR VOICES ON SUCH ISSUES AS KOREA AND PUERTO RICO ALTHOUGH WE WILL CONTINUE OUR REPRESENTATIONS ON EVERY APPROPRIATE OCCASION.
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